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SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
PRESIDENT OBAMA

¶1. The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamalesh Sharma, sent the following congratulatory message to President Obama, a copy of which was sent to post and dated January 21. The original letter was sent to the White House.

¶2. Text of Commonwealth Secretary-General Sharma's letter to President Obama:

BEGIN TEXT

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Nations, and on my own behalf, I write to offer my warmest congratulations on your assumption of office as the 44th President of the United States of America.

Your election to the Presidency last November was a resounding affirmation of America's commitment to the democratic process and powers of renewal. It was equally a tribute to your inspirational

qualities of leadership and what you represent to the hopes and aspirations of millions. You take up office at a time of daunting challenges. We are confident that, with your belief in collective approaches to global problems, your leadership will transform them into new hope and opportunities for the world community.

We are particularly proud of your links with Kenya - and therefore with the Commonwealth. The United States and the Commonwealth share many fundamental values and objectives based on democracy and freedoms, and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with your Administration to promote them.

Please accept, Mr. President, my best wishes in the task ahead as you commence your term in office, and the assurances of my respect and highest consideration.

With high regards,
/s/
Kamalesh Sharma

HE Mr. Barack Hussein Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
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END TEXT

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